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PERS Investments Department named PERS Employees of the Quarter

The Investments team for the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS) has collectively been named Employees of the Quarter by the PERS Board of Trustees for the second quarter of fiscal year 2022, which runs October through December 2021. Team members recognized are Deputy Chief Investment Officer Charles Nielsen, of Clinton, and Lead Portfolio Managers David DeGuire and Jason Clark, both of Brandon.

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the PERS Investments department has worked to maintain and even improve the portfolio during the market volatility and challenges brought on by the last nearly 18 months. Working largely virtually, they have met daily, coordinated changes in the portfolio, rebalanced the portfolio for protection and enhanced returns, and maintained asset allocation within a given target. They also coordinated and conducted multiple new fund searches, maintained relationships with money managers, and developed new processes to allow manager presentations during board and committee meetings.

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